

Postal Regulatory Commission

Washington, D.C. 20268-0001

NOTICE OF FILING UNDER 39 U.S.C. § 404(d)

TO THE UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE:

Please take notice that the Commission received two petitions for review of the Postal Service's determination to close the Halsey post office in Halsey, Nebraska. The first petition for review received December 16, 2011, was filed by Lynn Frodsham. The second petition for review received December 21, 2011, was filed by Mic Coffman. The earliest postmark date is December 9, 2011.

This notice is advisory only and is being furnished so that the Postal Service may begin assembling the administrative record in advance of any formal appeal proceedings held upon the alleged (closing/consolidation) for transmittal pursuant to 39 CFR § 3001.113(a) (requiring the filing of the record within 15 days of the filing with the Commission of a petition for review).



Shoshana M. Grove
Secretary

Date: December 28, 2011

Attachment

December 9, 2011

Postal Regulatory Commission
901 New York Avenue NW Suite 200
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An Appeal to the Postal Regulatory Commission
Regarding Docket # 1366007-69142

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This letter is my appeal regarding the closing of the Halsey, NE 69142
USPS located on the main street of Halsey, Thomas Co., Nebraska, 69142.

To whom it may concern,

As a Senior Citizen of Halsey, Nebraska I would like to appeal the closing of our Post Office. We are a small town of mostly elderly people and we all use the Post Office. A good number of us get our medications mailed to us, and we get the School and Church Newsletter's mailed to us locally, among other things. I also have a small computer business and would not be able to continue this if the Local Post Office were closed.

Our Post Office is also on the main highway and not on a secondary road, where we would have to go (if and when we did go) to mail our packages.

I am also disappointed that our docket was not returned within the specified 60 days. Yet we are given exactly 30 days to expect the closure.

Please reconsider as it would be a hardship for our family to drive to other Post Offices to get certified mail, registered mail, overnight delivery, not to mention stamps. We do little bill paying via the computer, personally.

There are also safety and security concerns for using outdoor mailboxes and here they would be on the main highway, which will be hazardous with the 40 MPH speed limit.

Sincerely,


M. L. Frodsham

PO Box 86, Halsey, NE 69142

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This letter is my appeal regarding the closing of the Halsey, NE 69142 USPS located on the main street of Halsey, Thomas Co., Nebraska, 69142.

To whom it may concern,

My name is Mic Coffman I live in Halsey Nebraska and have a P O Box at the Halsey Post Office. Halsey is a small town but we do have an Elementary School, Church, Motel, Two Construction Business, Bar/Restaurant, Local Entrepreneurs, the Nebraska State 4-H Camp, as well as the Bessley National Forest & Nursery.

I received and filled out the questioner, as well as attended the town hall meeting June 29, 2011... regarding possible closer of the Halsey post Office, these points were raised and are yet unanswered:

1. The Number of box holders that our Post Office serves.
2. If our addresses would change or not.
3. Mail delivery: Will we receive home delivery..., put up CBUs..., or have mail boxes only on the line of travel?
4. Acknowledging the number of additional route customers... as well as existing route customers: This route from Thedford to Halsey will change from a transportation route to a mail route.
5. The inconvenience of having to travel 17 miles one way to pick up & mail packages.
6. If this would affect or delay the delivery of our mail.
7. Not acknowledging that the Halsey Post Office has a postage meter customer.
8. Over burdening the route carrier...Will USPS provide him or her with the proper training to become a postmaster on wheels?

The representative of the USPS... Kathy Hand, who was the mediator of our meeting and whose signature appears on this docket was unorganized, contradictive and displayed discrepancies in her presentation as well as her answers to our questions. This shows up time & time again in this docket! I also attended the town hall meeting concerning the possible closure of the Purdum, Nebraska 69157 USPS on Nov. 3, 2011. This meeting was monitored by USPS...Kevin Allard. In his statement he commented on the possible closer of the North Platte Distribution Center and our mail being sorted in Cheyenne WY. How is this not going to delay our mail? I know for a fact something has already changed by the delay of delivery on **ALL Classes of Mail!** Another change noticed is that my letters are not being canceled at the Halsey Post Office like they used to be? Is this the Post Offices way of trying to cover up the fact that our mail is already being redirected? I know how long it takes a letter or package to get from one end to the other...I've lived here or in the area all my life! In Judge Judy's own words, "Don't pee in my hand... and then try to tell me it's raining!"

The Route Carrier travels from Halsey to Purdum... which is 14 miles North of Halsey..., then delivers to the rural customers. Some customers only get their mail every other day. The longest route covers 154 miles round trip from customers back to Thedford, Nebraska! Purdum's businesses include a Bank, Well Drilling Business, Feed & General Store, as well as a Church. Closing both Post Offices would require some customers to travel up to 50 miles one way to the nearest Post Office..., Thedford, Dunning, Ainsworth or Valentine! It is very hard for me to believe that someone from Washington, DC... would travel that distance to mail or to pick up a package! Halsey and Purdum are located in the Sandhills region of Nebraska, our main resource is agriculture and any other businesses or governmentally run agencies are a necessity to keep our community alive and thriving! The USPS in Halsey is not only a meeting place but also a public service and contributes to our livelihood... which has been established and counted on for 100 years or more! This is our American way of life...and it was all started by the Pony Express! I understand that cut backs must be made but to close both of these offices is simply too much for one area.

Take a good look at this docket and please check for inconsistencies. I hope that you will take serious consideration and change your mind about closing the Halsey Post Office...Halsey, Nebraska 69142!

Thank you for your time and attention.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mic Coffman". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.